IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining)* and deleted subject matter *(strikethrough)*, as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of transferring data from an electronic device comprising the steps of:

a)   forwarding information from an active application on said electronic device to an exchange manager on said electronic device based on an application's requirement, said information being communicated to said exchange manager along with a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) string containing an identified transport mechanism for communicating said information and also a destination for said information, said step a) performed by an application resident on said electronic device, said exchange manager configured for <u>preparing</u> ~~converting~~ said information ~~to a file~~ for communication;

b)   in response to said identified transport mechanism <u>identified in</u> ~~of~~ said URL communicated by said application to said exchange manager, said exchange manager referencing an exchange library associated with said identified transport mechanism from a plurality of exchange libraries, wherein said exchange library defines a communication protocol for said identified transport mechanism and wherein said exchange manager supports a plurality of communication protocols; and

c)   communicating said information to a system as a file identifiable by an application on a device external to said electronic device, identified by said destination, that is external to said electronic device using said communication protocol, said step c) performed by said identified transport mechanism, said application on said device external to said electronic device performing any necessary format conversion on said file, if said file having a data file and a data type, said data type unidentifiable to said device external to said electronic device.

2.   (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a handheld computer system comprising: a processor coupled to a bus; a memory unit coupled to said bus; a screen coupled to said bus; and a plurality of transport mechanisms.

3.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of communication protocols comprise: an Internet protocol; an email protocol; an infrared beaming protocol; and a radio frequency protocol.

4.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 3 wherein said plurality of communication protocols further comprise a synchronization protocol.

5.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information is a data file.

6.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information is an application program.

7.   (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said step a) comprises the steps of:

    a1)   provided said application does not define said identified transport mechanism, obtaining a URL definition of said identified transport mechanism from a user; and

    a2)   provided said application does not define said destination, obtaining a URL definition of said destination from said user.

8.   (Currently Amended) A system for transferring data from an electronic device comprising the steps of:

    a)   an application resident on said electronic device, said application forwarding information to an exchange manager on said electronic device based on an application requirement, said information having associated therewith a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) string containing an identified transport mechanism for identifying to the said exchange manager how to communicate said information, said exchange manager

configured for <u>preparing</u> ~~converting~~ said information <u>for communication</u> ~~to a file~~, said application performing any necessary format conversion on said file;

b)   in response to said identified transport mechanism of said URL communicated from said application to said exchange manager, said exchange manager resident on said electronic device for referencing an exchange library associated with said identified transport mechanism from a plurality of exchange libraries, wherein said exchange library defines a communication protocol for said identified transport mechanism and wherein said exchange manager supports a plurality of communication protocols and comprises a plurality of exchange libraries; and

c)   said identified transport mechanism for communicating said information to a system as a file identifiable by an application on a device external to said electronic device, identified by said destination, that is external to said electronic device using said communication protocol, if said file having a data file and a data type, said data type unidentifiable to said device external to said electronic device.

9.   (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 8 wherein said electronic device is a handheld computer system comprising: a processor coupled to a bus; a memory unit coupled to said bus; a screen coupled to said bus; and a plurality of transport mechanisms.

10.   (Original) A system as described in Claim 8 wherein said plurality of communication protocols comprise: an Internet protocol; an email protocol; an infrared beaming protocol; and a radio frequency protocol.

11.   (Original) A system as described in Claim 10 wherein said plurality of communication protocols further comprise a synchronization protocol.

12.   (Original) A system as described in Claim 8 wherein said information is a data file.

13.   (Original) A system as described in Claim 8 wherein said information is an application program.

14. (Original) A system as described in Claim 8 wherein said exchange manager is also for obtaining a URL definition of said identified transport mechanism from a user provided said application does not define said identified transport mechanism; and wherein said exchange manager is also for obtaining a URL definition of said destination from said user provided said application does not define said destination.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving data by a handheld device comprising the steps of:

a) receiving information as a file from a source external to said handheld device ~~and based on said information's file-type~~, said file having associated therewith a data type, said step a) performed by said handheld device;

b) at an exchange manager <u>resident on said handheld device</u>, <u>upon notification from operating system of said handheld device, said exchange manager examining</u> ~~creating a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for~~ said file ~~based on~~ <u>for said data type</u> ~~said file-type and interface on which the file was received~~;

c) ~~in said created URL, a destination is identified~~ <u>identifying</u> by said exchange manager resident on said handheld device ~~by identifying~~ an application <u>associated with</u> ~~for~~ said file based on said data type of said file and an application registry<u>;</u> ~~, said file having a data file and a data type~~;

d) said <u>application</u> ~~exchange manager~~ resident on said handheld device converting said file to <u>a</u> ~~the prescribed~~ data format <u>suitable for said application;</u> and

e) <u>adding data associated with said file to memory of said handheld device based on requirements of said application.</u> ~~forwarding said information based on said URL to said application.~~

16. (Original) A method as described in Claim 15 wherein said handheld device is a palmtop computer system comprising: a processor coupled to a bus; a memory unit coupled to said bus; a screen coupled to said bus; and a plurality of communication mechanisms.

17.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 15 wherein said exchange manager supports a plurality of communication protocols comprising: an Internet protocol; a file transfer protocol; and an email protocol.

18.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 17 wherein said plurality of communication protocols further comprise a synchronization protocol.

19.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 15 wherein said file is a data file.

20.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 15 wherein said file is an application program.

21.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 15 wherein step a) comprises the steps of obtaining an application identification from a user provided said file does not identify an application.